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SUBJ: UDA TAKES BLAME FOR BOMB IN REPUBLIC

1. ON NIGHT OF MARCH 17, ST. PATRICK'S DAY, LARGE CAR- BOMB BLEW UP OUTSIDE PUB IN CLOUGHFINN, COUNTY DONEGAL. MANY PEOPLE IN PUB WERE INJURED, BUT NONE WERE KILLED. MAN WHO WAS STILL INSIDE CAR WAS KILLED, HOWEVER, AND APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN A UDA MEMBER. ACCORDING TO PRESS, UDA HAS ACCEPTED RESPONSIBILITY FOR BLAST. PROTESTANT EXTREMISTS PROBABLY CAUSED PREVIOUS EXPLOSIONS IN REPUBLIC, BUT RESPONSIBILITY HAS NOT BEEN SO CLEAR. PRESS COMMENT HERE HAS FOCUSED ON UDA RESPONSIBILITY EVEN MORE THAN ON BOMBING ITSELF. AFTER NUMBER OF SIMILAR INCIDENTS, SUCH EXPLOSIONS ARE NO LONGER SENSATIONAL NEWS.

2. COMMENT: DESPITE INCREASED POLICE CHECKS, PROTESTANT EXTREMISTS CAN PRESUMABLY CONTINUE BRING BOMBS ACROSS BORDER ON OCCASIONS WHEN EXPLOSIONS WOULD BE ESPECIALLY EMBARRASSING. SO LONG AS VIOLENCE HAS NO SUPPORT WITHIN REPUBLIC, HOWEVER, WE CONTINUE THINK IT WILL BE DIFFICULT TO CREATE MORE THAN SPORADIC TROUBLE. MOORE
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